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## HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST IN STORM-SWEPT NEBRASKA

More than 200 persons were killed and 400 were injured in a windstorm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000 according to telegraphic reports available up to a late hour Monday night from the main path of Sunday's tornado in and near Omaha, Nebraska.

Most of the casualties were in Omaha. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri river in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in the Nebraska metropolis and these were a menace for some time as the fire companies were hindered by falling walls and blockaded streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons but also put out the flames.

Of the 202 known dead within the area covered by the storm 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory.

Perhaps 1,500 persons are homeless. Aside from this 3,000 buildings were more or less damaged, some of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked. All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which at times almost became a panic. Soldiers, State and National troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order of what for 20 hours had been chaos.

### Two Wrecks Near Winnsboro.

Within 24 hours Sunday a short stretch of track on the Southern railway—the 40 miles between Columbia and Adger, a point three miles north of Winnsboro—was the scene of two serious train wrecks, one at 6 o'clock Sunday morning and the other at 7:25 Sunday night, said The State of Monday. In neither accident were there any very serious casualties, so far as could be ascertained.

In both the results were the blocking of the track for some hours. The early morning wreck near Columbia fell on No. 36. Four coaches were derailed and two were overturned and badly broken up. In the wreck Sunday night, in which the first section of Southeastern Limited, No. 32, also northbound, was the victim, seven cars left the track, and the passengers were badly shaken up.

### Kendrick Estate Valued at \$15,000.

The will of the late Richard G. Kendrick, of Lower Steel Creek, has been filed with the clerk of court of Mecklenburg county. The estate is valued at \$15,000. By the provisions of the will Mr. Kendrick's widow, Mrs. Mary Alice Kendrick, will receive \$400 and also one-twelfth of the entire estate "in accordance with my marriage compact with her," a daughter, Miss Ferre Kendrick, receives \$200; the children of another daughter, Mrs. Emma Sledge, who died since the will was first drafted, receives together two tracts in Steele Creek Township, one containing 45 and the other 41-4 acres, to be valued at \$20 an acre. A son, Z. V. Kendrick of Charlotte, is bequeathed 60 acres worth \$16 an acre; the children of a deceased son, J. F. Kendrick, are willed a tract of land in Steele Creek adjoining the home place of their father, and containing 63-4 acres worth \$25 an acre. William Gardner, Jr., a grandson, will receive \$500 which is left in the care of his father until the age of 21 is reached. The residue of the estate and insurance money is to be divided among the children and the children of the late J. F. Kendrick, all the latter to have one share together.

## IDENTITY OF DEAD MAN REMAINS A MYSTERY

People of the Indian Land section of Lancaster, and especially the Lancaster officials, are very anxious for information that will lead to the identity of a dead man found Thursday afternoon in Twelve-mile creek, near the depot at Osceola. The gruesome find was made by a colored resident of Osceola who had gone to the creek to attend his fish basket. The negro at once reported his find to the authorities and on Friday an inquest was held before Magistrate D. K. Hall of Indian Land, the post mortem being made by Dr. B. B. Sturdevant. The verdict of the jury of inquest was that the stranger had come to his death as a result of blows on the head from a blunt instrument in the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

When discovered the dead man was lying on a raft at the edge of the creek about one-half mile from the depot at Osceola. Apparently he was 25 to 30 years of age, black hair and mustache, and all his clothing was gone except his undergarments. The body was badly decomposed, the opinion of all those who viewed it being that it had been in the water for ten days or longer. The features of the dead man were those of a foreigner, it was stated, but this fact was only guess work owing to decomposition. The undergarments of the man bore no laundry or other marks by which it might be identified.

The Lancaster officials are anxious to obtain any information as to who the dead man is and have asked The Times to request the papers of the surrounding towns to give notice of the stranger's death.

### Government Job for Howard Banks.

The morning papers of Saturday brought the news from Washington that Josephus Daniels, the new secretary of the navy, had selected Howard A. Banks, of Hickory, N. C., for his private secretary. Mr. Banks, it is said, will assume his new duties within a few days. He is the owner and editor of the Hickory Democrat and is one of the best known newspaper men of North Carolina. He was graduated from Davidson college in 1888 and did post graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

The announcement that Mr. Banks has been offered and will accept the secretaryship to the secretary of the navy was of much interest to a large number of Fort Mill people. Preparatory to his entry to Davidson college, Mr. Banks attended the Fort Mill Academy which at that time was taught by his uncle, Prof. A. R. Banks, now residing in Columbia. He has a large number of relatives residing in this community at present and the announcement that he had accepted the government position was a pleasure to all. In connection with the appointment, it was recalled by one of Mr. Banks' friends here that he began his career as a newspaper man by writing a story from Fort Mill about 20 years ago describing the chase of a bear which was supposed to have wandered to this section from the low country.

### New Parcel Post Stamp.

The design of a new and smaller parcel post stamp to replace those now in use has been approved by Postmaster General Burleson. Numerous complaints that the present stamps, all denominations of which are the same color, is hard to distinguish as to value and easily "raised," caused the change. The new design will possess no artistic merit, but bear only a large numeral. The various denominations will be in different colors. Approximately \$50,000 yearly will be saved by the smaller stamps, it is estimated.

There were no classes at the Fort Mill public schools Monday, the teachers and children observing the day as Easter Monday.

### Allen Seems Doomed to Die.

Attorneys for Claude Swanson Allen, under sentence to die tomorrow for his part in the Hillsville, Va., courthouse murders, left Washington Monday night for Richmond, Va. This sudden step is regarded as ending the endeavors of the attorneys to procure a writ of error by which the young Allen's conviction would be reviewed by the supreme court of the United States.

All day Monday the attorneys were conferring in regard to their course. They acknowledged that the refusal of Chief Justice White and Justice Hughes to grant the writ made their case practically hopeless. Telephonic communication during the night, supposedly with other members of the court, are said to have increased their despair of saving Allen by this means. They said that they had not called upon all the justices of the court.

### The Law of Weights and Measure.

At the session of the general assembly for 1913 the act providing for uniform standard of weights and measures was placed upon the statute books of the State. The duty of enforcing the law has been placed upon the commissioner of agriculture and the inspectors of the department of agriculture.

"Notice is hereby given to you that the active enforcement of this law will begin immediately," says a statement of Commissioner Watson to the merchants and manufacturers of the State. Within the next several days the rules and regulations regulating the enforcement of the act will be sent out by the department.

"It will be my purpose to enforce this law with all the consideration possible but at the same time the enforcement will be active and vigorous. It is earnestly hoped that the department will have the hearty cooperation of all merchants and manufacturers. Specific weights and specific measures are fixed in the law for specific commodities and in trade transactions it will be required of all parties that these specific requirements be met," said the commissioner yesterday.

Any person violating the provisions of the act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$5 for each offense.

### Protection for Migratory Birds.

To kill a robin or other migratory game and insectivorous bird is now an offense against the Federal government, the United States by passing the McLean bill having decreed that such birds shall be accorded full protection at all times. The government realizes the fearful toll that the farmers of this country pay to bugs and worms that might be destroyed, were the birds only more numerous, and to put a stop to the wholesale slaughter of the birds that render the most effective service along this line, the new law has been adopted. Heretofore, the game law has been dallied with, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that thousands of offenders have violated the law and escaped; but with the United States government behind the law a far different situation will be presented, and persons who take liberties are very likely to get into trouble.—Exchange.

### Cotton Picker Perfected.

The Pee Dee Advocate says the Price-Campbell cotton picker has been at work near Clio on some cotton reserved for the purpose of testing an improved device, which renders it absolutely perfect. Experiments are being made to see if it is practical to build a machine light enough to be drawn by four mules and sell around \$2,000. The present machine weighs 5,500 pounds and runs with a 20 horse power gasoline motor.

W. T. Clawson, who for several years has been the efficient electrician at Winthrop College, has accepted a position with the Southern Power Co., and will be located at Mount Holly, N. C. Rock Hill Herald.

## DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF CYCLONE

J. J. Broom, a farmer of Lower Fort Mill, met death Friday in a cyclone which swept the lower section of the township about 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Broom was riding a mule home from the woods nearby in which he had been at work, when a large pine tree was blown across the road, crushing the man and mule and causing the instant death of the animal, but Mr. Broom lingered for several hours.

The storm of Friday morning in which J. J. Broom met death formed to the southwest of Fort Mill, a great funnel-shaped mass. Eye-witnesses stated that at Carhart, just across the river from this place, the cloud divided, one-half going east of Fort Mill for a distance of three miles or more, leaving a path of demolished houses and uprooted trees. The other half swept up Catawba river to Wright's ferry and thence across Lower Steel Creek, Mecklenburg county, and crossed the Southern railroad tracks near Hebron station. Reports from Steel Creek tell of several houses being unroofed and otherwise damaged and many trees being twisted off and uprooted, but the main part of the storm seems to have gone to the south of Fort Mill. In that section, aside from the death of the man Broom and his mule, the damage by the storm amounted to several thousand dollars.

On the plantation of W. B. White a house, in which the negro tenant had left a fire, was blown down and destroyed by fire.

The next place struck by the storm was that of J. P. Crowder. The home of Mr. Crowder was but slightly damaged, but the barn was lifted from its foundation and carried a short distance away. The home of a colored woman on the Crowder place was completely demolished and the woman herself, although escaping injury, was lifted with the house and carried across the public road into an opposite field.

W. J. Stewart also came in for a share of the storm's damage, and further on, in the Pleasant Valley section, other houses were more or less damaged by the cyclone.

J. J. Broom, the man killed in Lower Fort Mill, was about 40 years of age and is survived by a wife and six children.

An amusing incident was related at the plant of the Charlotte Brick company at Grattan. A Western man employed on the works saw the storm approaching and crawled under a big steam shovel, saying: "Here comes one of those twisters, boys." With apparent unconcern he watched "twister" tear up the landscape about him.

The York county folks are in a dilemma as to where to locate the new court house. Why not put it equidistant between Rock Hill, Fort Mill and Yorkville? This might be a solution of the question, or if this will not satisfy Rock Hill put it an inch or so nearer the "Good Town."—Lancaster News.

### ONE CENT A WORD MINIMUM CHARGE, 25C.

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J. L. KIMBRELL.

EGGS—From my pure bred White and Brown Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds at 15 for \$1.00. Fawn Indian Runner Duck eggs at \$1.00 per dozen.  
T. E. MERRITT.

FOR SALE—I have several good mules that I will sell cheap for cash or on time.  
A. R. McELHANEY.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Magistrate.  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for the office of Magistrate of Fort Mill township, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.  
W. L. HALL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for the position of Magistrate of Fort Mill township, subject to party rules and the will of the Democratic voters in the approaching primary.  
R. P. HARRIS.

### THE NEW SCHOOL LAWS.

Of the 256 acts passed by the 1913 session of the General Assembly, 41 of them related to education, 38 of which were purely local. The three new laws of general import were:

1. The act levying a one-mill State tax for schools.
2. The act requiring reports of teachers and school officers and fixing a penalty for neglect, omission, failure or refusal to file the usual reports in time.
3. The act making kindergarten a part of the public school system.

Folders of these three measures have been sent to the county superintendents of education for general distribution. State Superintendent Swearingen commenting on the acts has this to say:

The one-mill State tax has been levied primarily to continue the educational activities already established and heretofore supported from the State dispensary fund. These activities include appropriations for high schools, term extension, rural graded schools and public libraries.

It is to be regretted that the State building fund, which has proved an effective stimulus in securing adequate school buildings in many country communities, was not renewed this year. In consequence of the discontinuance of this appropriation, the unpaid building claims for 1912 now on file with the State superintendent and the prospective claims in view for 1913 must be handled solely by the several county boards of education.

I hope it will be possible for each county superintendent to extend liberal aid to every district board that had planned to erect a new school house with State aid, if the State building fund had been renewed.

Every teacher should be promptly notified of the new act requiring reports. The enrollment figures given for each school constitute the legal basis for the apportioning of all school funds. Too much stress, therefore, cannot be laid on prompt, accurate and complete data from each teacher, from each school and from each district.

## WATSON WILL ENFORCE STATE'S CHILD LABOR LAW

"I will hereafter rigidly enforce the child labor laws of this State. Every enterprise, it makes no difference of what character, will have to immediately discontinue employing children under the age limit prohibited by law. If my inspectors find that the law has been violated, then those disregarding the child labor act will be prosecuted."

These words were spoken Friday by Col. E. J. Watson, State commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, to a reporter for the Columbia Record.

The act referred to by Colonel Watson prohibits the employment of children in any commercial, textile or other establishment under the age of 12 years. From the ages of 12 to 14 years children may be employed, but only upon the written permission of Colonel Watson. The campaign against the violation of the child labor law has already begun, and the inspectors have found some who were employing children under the legal age.

### The New Nickel.

We have had the pleasure of seeing a few of the new five-cent pieces, and from a newspaper standpoint they are a failure at beauty. While they will buy as much as the old one they are not calculated to take a prize at a baby show, or any other show. They are a right good thing to have around the house for the housewife to buy ice, milk and vegetables, and we might add to drop in the collection plate on Sunday, but as far as we are concerned, give us the old style, and we will call you a friend indeed.—Sumter Herald.

A rumor from Gaffney has it that Mr. T. B. Butler, who is well known in Fort Mill, will in a few days announce his candidacy for lieutenant governor in the next State election. Mr. Butler is well known throughout the State, and particularly in the Fifth district, having in two former campaigns made the race for Congress from the Fifth district.

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